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A LOAD OF BANANAS.

NIGHT SCENE ON THE COAST OF JAMAICA.

Torchlight -- A Lively Time at the Wharf-Cutting Off the Stems-The

Shortly after dark the banana loading began, and nothing connected with the fruit trade is more picturesque and remantic than the loading of a banana ship, particularly when the work is done at night. There was the long weeden building in which the banana were stored, with an uncovered bourd platform about twenty feet wide between it and the wharf at which the ship lay. A hundred darkies, perheps more, were lounging about waiting for the work to beginand there is nothing in which the West India darky comes out so strong as in waiting for the work to begin. A big torch was lighted, and the flame of it made the platform as light almost as day. Lanterns were hung about inside the building, and through the open doors could be seen great piles of bananas stacked up like hay; and all green, for they are cut in the unrips state, and should not, if they are properly managed, be more than just beginning to show a few yellow atreaks by the time they are landed in New York.

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wide plank to the side of the ship in such a position that it made a platform large enough for two men to stand on, about four feet above the wharf and the same distance below above the wharf and the same distance below the dock. The cover was taken off the forward hatch and several men were sent below to stow away the bunches as they were passed down. Other men were stationed between the rail and the hatch to pass the bunches along. Men and women carried the bunches from the shed to the ship and handed them to the men on the hanging platform. An inspector was constantly on the wharf keeping a sharp eye on every bunch and rejecting all that had any blemish or were under size. A colored man with a sharp cutiass stood about midway between the shed and the ship, and with a derferous blow cut the long and useless stem from each bunch as it was carried with a dexferous blow cut the long and use-less stem from each bunch as it was carried past. Thus each bunch went through five hands in its short journey from the storage shed to the hold of the ship: First a girl or man picked up a bunch from the great heap in the shed, put it on her or his head, and carried it to the men on the hanging plat-form; they passed it to the man on deck, who in turn handed it to the men in the hatch-way, and they gave it to men still deeper in the hold, who stowed it away where it was to remain till it reached New York. The order to begin work instantly turned

The order to begin work instantly turned the quiet wharf into one of the liveliest places imaginable. Twenty men and girls made a rush for the shed and came out, one after another, with bunches of bananas on their heads, hurrying as if their lives depended upon making quiet time. The two men on the platform, as they received the bunches, called off the number for the tally keeper, who made a mark for every bunch. keeper, who made a mark for every bunch received. Then began a musical but monot-onous chorus that lasted till the last banans onous chorus that instead till the last camena was on board. The men on the platform received the bunches alternately, first one and then the other, each one as he handed his bunch up to the deck calling out a number that never went beyond four. First the right hand man cried "Wan," in a voice that might have been heard on the other side of the island. Then the left hand man "Two." too island. Then the left hand man "Two."
And the other one again, "Three," and the
left hand man again, "Four," and then
the first one, "Tal-lee," the "tally" coming
out every time five times louder than any of
the others. Then it began again with the
"one," "two," "three," and so on, till in a
short time the tally keeper had rows of
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his book. Occasionally some of the workers. By BLUE & GRAY.

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ored people to work together without some wrangling and quarreling, and in such cases they are not sparing of their lungs, and socid away at such a rate that a pitched battle seems imminent. They take it out in scold-ing, however, and rarely or never come to blows over their work.
This weut on from 7 o'clock to 11, with a racket that made sleep impossible. In those four hours 4,000 bunches of bananas were put in the hold, and more would have been taker if more had been ready; but another steamer had been loaded the day before, and had nearly emptied the storehouse. The stowing away in the hold is work that requires ex-perienced hands. Careless work there would result in a spoiled cargo before the ship reached her destination. They have to be as carefully packed as a lady's trunk, and so ar-ranged that the air will reach them as much Send MODEL OR DRAWING. We advise as to patentability free of charge; and we make NO CHARGE UNLESS WE OBTAIN A PATENT.

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> On the other hand, when the ship reacher On the other hand, when the ship reaches higher latitudes on her northward voyage, the ventilators have to be taken away and the hold heated with steam pipes. The Atlas Steamship company has a system of protecting its fruit that seems to be nearly perfect. The hold must be kept at just such a temperature as nearly as possible throughout the voyage few decrees higher would rines. voyage—a few degrees higher would ripen the fruit too rapidly and a few degrees lower would chill it. Above all things, no sult water must be allowed to touch the fruit, not even spray, for nothing ruins the banana quicker. The record of the homeward voyage of a banana ship is a wonder for its com-pleteness. At certain hours every day thur-mometers are lowered into the hold through openings provided for the purpose, and a re-cord is made of each test on blanks provided for the purpose. Even the opening or closing of a ventilator has to be recorded; so that of a ventilator has to be recorded; so that when the strictly first class passenger, the benana, reaches his destination his owner knows just what treatment he has received throughout the trip.—William Drysdale in New York Times.

A WISH.

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In evry way I turn.
Ofttimes at night I fly from not
Prom pleasures I depart;
In many a dreary place I reasu.
To still my restless beart.

Oh. give me back my bygons days!
The days when I was young—
Give me back my childish ways
And those I played among.
Or give to me old fancies dear,
And spell bound I will stay!
Give me back the loved ones bore,
To make the sad seem gay,
—W. R. Halpin in Drake's Magazi

CLIMATE FOR CONSUMPTIVES.

Ideas Which May Be of Value to the Alling—A Caution.

Professor Knight, of the Harvard Medical school, read a paper not long ago before the Boston Society for Medical Observation on the choice of a climate for consumptive persons. Some of the ideas advanced may be of value.

Patients who have severe hectic symptoms, especially if they are poor should not leave home; nor should those who have any acuts affection of the lungs do so during the naute stages of the disease. If, in the early stages of consumption, complete cure can be hoped for, a climate is to be chosen in which the patient can remain throughout the year. If, on the other hand, nothing more than temporary relief and some prolongation of life can be expected, a mild winter climate is recommended.

ommended.

While consumption presents a variety of phases and conditions, making it impossible to lay down fixed and invariable rules, it may be said that in general the first object aimed at by a change of climate is to snable the patient to live an active, out door life for the purpose of assisting nutrition of the lungs, and this is best attained in situations at an altitude of 400 tes 200 feet above the altitude of 4,000 to 8,000 feet above the

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Dry and pure air, a good proportion of clear days, and a rarefied atmosphere which compels greater activity of the respiratory organs, make a mountainous country the best for this purpose. Those for whom high altitudes may be recommended are:

(I.) Patients who show no more alarming symptoms than a morning cough and expectoration. For them Colorado and New Mexico are suited. (2.) Those who have some consolidations of the lungs, but no cavity, nor any serious constitutional disturbance. For persons who exhibit such disturbance a high pulse and temperature—a lower altitude should be tried first; say the pure regions of southern Georgia for the cold months, and then, if there is improvement, a more elevated region. (3.) Cases in which there is early and frequent hemorrhage, without much other evidences of disease. The mountains are peculiarly suited to persons of this class; and, (4.) Persons who are recovering from acute diseases of the lungs. But of these cases great care should be exercised, lest the steps taken to ward off permanent pulmonary disease have an evil effect upon other organs weakered by sickness.

Patients in whom tubercular disease has invaded the larynx should on no account be sent to this class.

A man who can choose his time for travel-ing within a limit of a few weeks, and to whom the specifiest route is not necessary, can save half the cost of his railroad fare by watching the newspapers for notices of ex-cursions to conventions, expections, carnivais and such things. Let him go to a ticket scalper and explain where he wants to go, being sure to impress on the scalper that he is in no burry to go, for hurry costs money, and the man who must go at once has to pay the highest price. The scalper will give him a ticket either to the place he wants to go to or to the convention place nearest, with an order on a brother scalper for a ticket the rest of the way, or he may get an excursion ticket with a draft on a brother scalper, to be naid on presentation of the return compon of

or to the convention place neares, with an order on a brother scalper for a ticket the rest of the way, or he may get an arcuration ticket with a draft on a brother scalper, to be paid on presentation of the return coupon of the ticket. If the passenger does not like to have so many dealings with scalpers he can buy a regular excursion ticket at the railroad office, and take his chances of selling the return coupon, the price he gets for it depending on his shrewdness as a saller and the kind of scalper he happens to encounter.

The excursion raise give some realizons that are always hankering after a cut in rates the opportunity they are after. There are half a dosm ways of going out of New York to Chicago. Other things being equal, passengers would naturally take the lines time. To get any traffic at all the other roads must offer lower rates. They are in a pool, and they cannot make a lower rates at their regular offices than the pool allows. To make a low rate and get passengers they must do it with seeming concealment. Everybody knows, of course, that it is done, but a pretense of not doing it must be kept up. Here is where the natural quadrations of the ticket scalper to both railroads and passengers comes in. The railroad does its part by paying commissions for the sale of ticket, the commission sometimes amounting to two thirds of the regular fare. Any scalper can get this reduction by sonding a boy with a note and the price of the ticket, less commission, to the passenger office of the commission, to the passenger office of the commission, to the passenger is transportation.—New York Sun.

Brahms and His Wife.
One see Brahms constionally in the Bast pictured in heroic time on the walls of houses or as nided of wood or stone, occupying a shed at the end of a village with his wife Surawati. He is also, of occurs, but he will be a sund to the process of the cores of the cores, and the process of the cores, and the process of the cores of the core of the core

One sees Brahma occasionally in the Bast pictured in heroic size on the walls of houses, or as an idol of wood or stone, occupying a shed at the end of a village with his wife Sarasvati. He is also, of course, to be seen in temples, but not often. Sarasvati is always represented as a heautiful young woman presenting a flower to her husband. Like our own mother Eve, she was created out of a portion of her husband's body, although the Hindoos do not distinctly my a rith.

When this happened Brahma was pos of but one head. Beholding this lovely, newly created companion, however, he at once became smitten with her charms. Sa-rasvati being a shame faced maiden, modrasvati being a shame faced maiden, modestly turned away to escape his gaze. At Brahma's wish to still behold her, a second head issued from his body. As the damest skipped around to another position. head issued from his body. As the damsel skipped around to another position, a third head appeared, and then a fourth. At length, in her embarrassment, Sarasvati sprang into the sky. Not to be outdone, however, Brahma instantly produced a fifth head. This fifth head was subsequently struck off by another god in dispute, which leaves him only four. — Thomas Stevens in Courier-Journal.

CHINA'S SEDAN CHAIR.

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art. The seat is luxuriously cushioned and
padded, lined with blue or crimson satin.
Comfortable elbow rests, a shelf behind for a
large package, and another in front for pipe
or book, or small parel; windows of glass,
with silk blinds, and the exterior of blue
cloth, with embroidered ornaments and tassels hanging from the top all around the
four sides. What more elegant and commodious vehicle can you wish for than that!

Unfortunately these are not for public hirs.
The best chairs for hire are fairly comfortable, but it is well to carry a cushion for the
seat and back. Missionaries generally use
their light traveling mattresses for this purposa. Occasionally the chair bearer will
complain of the slight additional weight, but
not often. A small amount of baggage is
also allowed in the chair. How the poor fallows manage to carry the chair and its occupant twenty miles it is hard to imagine. The
chair itself often weighs as much as forty
pounds, and one may presume that the average weight of adult men is 140 pounds, while
the latter is doubtless very frequently exceeded. Yet with the pressure of 100 pounds
upon the shoulders of each man they struggle more or less good humoredly for a whole
day.

From the better class of sedan there is a de called a "mountain chair." It consists of only two poles, with a seat between them, and a wooden stirrup for the feet. I weighed one of these machines, and found it only sixteen pounds. To keep off the sun and the wet a piece of olicioth is suread over a frame of four split sticks. When the weather is fine and mild this is a luxurious mode of convey-

and mild this is a luxurious mode of conveyance in a country where few persons are in a
hurry, and twenty miles in a day is reckoned
rapid traveling. In cold, wet and windy
weather the "mountain chair" may be described mildly as an offense.

The number of bearers of any one chair is
regulated by law. The emperor alone is allowed sixteen; mandarins of the highest
rank, eight; lessor dignitaries, four, and a
civilian, two or three, according as the
weight of his "honorable body" may render
needful.—Cor. Boston Bulletin.

The most observed guests at the hotels are those married couples in which the man is old and the woman is young. There are always many of them at Feratoga. They are always the same combination—a rich wid-

vated region. (3) Cases in which there is early and frequent hemorrhage, without much other evidence of disease. The mountains are peculiarly suited to persons of this class; and, (4) Persons who are recovering from acute diseases of the lungs. But of these cases great care should be exercised, lest the steps taken to ward off personner pulmonary disease have an evil effect upon other organs weakened by sickness.

Patients in whom tubercular disease has invaded the larynx should on no account be sent to high altitudes. They need mild and moist climate, like that of Southern California. Moreover, those who have a tendency to irritability of the bronchial tubes, and nervous persons, do not do well in high altitudes. A very high altitude should not, as a rule, be recommended for any patient over fifty years of age.—Youth's Companion.

Buying Cheap Railroad Ticksets.

"Why shouldn't she be satisfied?" he said yesterday to a croup of his own age. "She has luxury in the place of poverty. Does she love me! No; or at least not in a romantic way. I don't expect her to. She respects me, she respects herself, and she won't get into any scandal. Now, John, you're a rich widower, and I sincerely advise you to buy a young handsome wife. Be careful to pick young handsome wife. Be careful to pick out a sensible girl, who has had to work hard for a living, and who, therefore, will appre-ciate good fortune. Don't make love to her. There's a girl who might do."

It was in the Indian Grove, where children

and nursemaids abounded. A particularly pretty maid, in a white cap and apron, was taking a five centride on one of the donkrys kept for rent to the children. She was as

him a detective, made a blundering reply, and in less than half a minute stepped into the crowd and disappeared.—Railroad At-torney in Globe-Democrat.

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It is becoming quite the thing for foreigners of wealth to see this country by contract. The railroad companies agree to show the country from Mains to Moxico, with a private car, for a certain sum. This includes board, car fare, guides and mules for the mountains, and, in fact, every necessary expense of an extended trip.—The Argenaut.